MEETINGS.

MASONIC NOTICE.—Members of TEMPLE LODGE, No. 9, A. F. and A. M., are requested to attend a stated communication of the Lodge, at St. Alban's Hall, THIS (Friday) EVENING at 6 o'clock. All Master Majons in good standing are fraternally invited to attend. By order of the W. M. B. W. GILLIS, fe 2-11* Secretary.

MYRTLE LODGE, No. 25, K.
OF P.—Attend a stated convention of
your lodge THIS (Friday) EVENING at 7k
colock at your Castle (Concordia) Hall.
Members in good standing of sister lodges
are fraternally invited to attend. Ry order
of the C. C.
fe 2-1t*
K. of R. and S.

K NIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—The members of HINES LODGE, No 17. KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, will stiend a stated meeting at Pythian Hall THIS (Friday) EVENING at 7 o'cleck. An important an endment to the by-laws will be acted on, and a full attendance of members is requested and desired. Members of sister lodges and visiting brethren are invited to be present.

By order of the C, C,

Ry order of the C. C. WILLIAM J. Riddick, Keeper of Records and Seal. L'XCELSIOR CLUB.-The regular I monthly meeting of EXCELSIOR CLUB will be held TO-NIGHT at 75 o'clock at the Club-Rooms.

Sy order of the President. B. T. AUGUST,

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE RICHMOND All. WAY COMPANY will be held at their office, a Leigh street, on MONDAY, 19th February, at 12 [1, 23-td] C. WALDROP, Secretary.

MILITARY NOTICES.

TRAYS, ATTENTION .- Attend reg-Tular company dril at regimental armory & EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT at 75 o'clock, in underess uniform. By order of Louis J. Bossieux, fi (aptain. WILLIAM G. STOKES, fe 1-21 Orderly Sergeant.

AMUSEMENTS. ASSOCIATION HALL.

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

TO BE GIVEN BY THE MONUMENTAL CHURCH CHOIR, ASSISTED BY MR. TOM KARL, THE EMINENT TENOR. FRIDAY EVENING, FEFRUARY 2, 1877. MR. L. P. WHEAT......DIRECTOR PART I.

. QUARTETTE-" Guarda che Oceld," from Mar tha, Flowtow-THE CHOUR.

Ina, Flowtow-THE CHOUR.

I TENOR SOLO-" My Lovely Child, Good-Night," Abt-Mr. TOM KARL.

I Plano Solo-Fautasie on "Temhauser," Wag-B. PIANO SOLO—FRIEDRIC TERMINATE WAS DET—Mr. WHEAT.

SOPRANO SOLO—" Je suls Titania," Polacca from "Mignon." Thomas—Miss ALICE SWAIN.

TENOR SOLO—"Kathicen Mayourneen," Crouch—Mr. TOM KARL.

PART II. 1. TRIO-Adapted from "A Night in Grenada,"
Kreutzer-Miss SWAIN, Mr. REDFORD, and Mr.
GRANT.
2. ALTO SOLO-" The Storm," Hullah-Miss MAG-2. ALTO SOLO—" The Storm," Hullah—Miss MAGGIE REDFORD.
3. SOP. AND TEN. DUO—" She's Laughing at My
SOFTOW," from " Martha," Flotow—Miss SWAIN
and Mr. TOM KARL.
4. PIANO SOLO—" Old Folke at Home," Wheat—Mr.
Wheat.
5. TENOR SOLO—" Ah! non credevi tu," from
" Mignon." Thomas—Mr. TOM KARL.
TICKETS, 75 cents. For sale at WYATT'S, 920
Main street, and at the door.
No extra charge for reserved seats. fe 2-1t

DICHMOND THEATRE. " CHARGE IT TO BUSTER."

MONDAY and TUESDAY. February 5th and 6th, first time in this city of THE BOUCICAULT COMEDY COMPANY, THE BOUCICAULT COMEDY COMPANY, organized for the proper production of the great Wallack success. Dion Boucicault's FORBIDDEN FRUIT, with the same careful attention in the cast and business of the piece that made its production at Wallack's Theatre. New York, the SUCCESS OF THE PRESENT SEASON. No play of modern times has been received with such continuous screams of laughter as this new three-act comedy of

such continuous screams of laughter as this new three-act comedy of FORBIDDEN FRUIT. Strong and efficient selected cast. Sale of seats commences SATURDAY at 9 A. M. at the box-office of the Theatre and at JOHNSTON's music-store, 918 Main street. Reserved seats, \$1; general admission, 75c.; par-quette, 50c.; tamply circle, 25c. fe 2-3t

MONTICELLO HALL.

MONTICELLO HALL. be given by Professor T. J. MINOR, at his Dancing Academy, on FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 2, 1877. He respectfully invites his former patrons to participate. The grand merch will commence precisely at 9 fe 2-1:* Admission, 75c.

THE EXPOSITION OF AUTHORS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
LADIES OF CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH,
WIII OPEN EACH EVENING at 7½ o'clock,
at LEVYS' HALL (second floor).
PROGRAMME:

EIAWATHA'S WIGWAM. Minnehaha,
Nokomis and the Old Arrow-maker,
Indian Maldens,
MAUD MULLER AND THE JUDGE
KNICKERBOCKER HOUSE.
Itlp and Dame Van Winkle and Gretchen,
Ichabod Crane and Katrina Van-Tassel,
"Artemus Ward among the Shakers."

"Artemus Ward among the Shakers,"
SALOON.
"Star-Spangled Banner," "Bonnie Blue Flag,"
Heathes Chince, "The Raven," Henry St. John and
Bonnibel Vane, "Silver Pitchers," BURNS'S COTTAGE.

Cotter's Saturday Night. dohn Anderson my Jo,"

"Coming Thro' the Rye,"
"Fighland Mary," "Bonnie Jean."
CLEIKUM INN.
Meg Dods, Dr. Quackelben, Rob Roy,
Die Vernon, Gipsies and Lassies. CASTLE. Ivanhoe, Rebecca, Rowena, Wamba, Saxon and Jewish Attendants.

Guy Mannering, Meg Merrilles Dominie Sampson, Lucy Bertram, Julia Manuering, Attendants. ENGLISH.

DRAWING-ROOM—RECEPTION FROM 9 TORO O'CLOCK P. M.
Characters from Bulwer, Disraeli,

Toackery, and others.

ROYAL GEORGE (AN ENGLISH INN).
Characters from Dichens:
Artful Dodger,

Mrs. Gummage, Little Dot, Mrs. Wardle, Dolly Varden, Little Marchioness, Dick Swivefler, Sam Weller, Mr. Pickwick, Count Smorltork.

Sucan Nipper, Mr. Toots, Mrs. Nickleby,
Doily Varden, Jenny Wren, Sloppy,
Miss La Crury, Lord Dundreary,
Mr. Micawber, Artful Dodger.
POST-OFFICE.
Miss Skiffins, postmaster.
FRUIT- AND FLOWER-STAND.
Characters from Tennyson and Chauce

Characters from Tennyson and Chaucer. The above double set of characters in the English Inn, Castle, and Burns's Cottage will appear alternate nights.

Visitors are requested not to lean against the Supper and refreshments. Lune's every day from 1 to 3 o'clock.
Admission to hall, 25c. fe 1

MOSAIC CLUB. The lady managers beg leave to announce that on account of the Tom Karl Concert Friday evening the Mosaic Club meeting will be postponed until TUESDAY, February 6th, at which time it will cer

EXCURSIONS. MARDI-GRAS AT NEW ORLEANS

ja 31 W&F2t

TO ALL WIFEM IT MAY CONCERN, ESPE-CIALLY TO THE SUBJECTS OF REX: In compliance with the order of transpartation lines in paragraph L. Edict XX. of the King of the Carnival, it is hereby announced that the

icomprising the Richmond and Danville raimond, atlanta and Richmond, and the Air-Line Raimay, the great thoroughfage and direct route from the capital of the F. F. Y's to the Crescent City, will place on sale FEBRUARY 5TH TO 11TH. INCLUSIVE, tickets to New Orleans at ONE FARE THE ROUND TRIP, limited to twenty days from date of sale. All subjects of His Most Gracious Majesty who de-sire to attend the annual Mardi-Gras festivities in the Royal Capital on FEBRUARY 13, 1877, are resee Royal capital on FEBEUARY 13, 1877, are respectfully informed that they can secure, both ways, SLEEPING-CAE AND PARLOR-CAE ACCOMMODATIONS, Richmond to Atlants and Montgomery to New Orleans, without change; that this is the only southern line thoroughly equipped with the latest improvements in modern railroad appliances for stopping trains and conducive to the safety and comfort of passengers—The Wistinghouse Au-10MATIG AIR-RRAKE.

TOMATIC AIR-BRAKE. GOD SAVE THE KING!

Done by one of His most loyal subjects, at Richmond, Va., February 1, 1877.

JOHN R. MACMURDO, General Passenger Agent.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. BARGAINS IN BLACK SILKS

LEVY BROTHERS'.

They offer them at old prices notwithstanding the adrance.

CARPETS CAN BE HAD CHEAP

AT LEVY BROTHERS'.

It will be well to examine their stock and prices They also have a lot of REMNANTS of CARPETS at great bargains.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS FOR LADIES at only 30c., worth 50c., is another of the ig bargains at LEVY BROTHERS' to-day. fe 1

LOOK AT THE ODDS AND ENDS of LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S LINEN HAND-KERCHIEFS in the basket at LEVY BROTHERS'

and you will find some bargains.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTA-BLES can be had at lower prices than ever known before at LEVY BROTHERS'. Call soon and secure

fe 1

FANCY LINEN COLLARS and CUFFS at 125c. a set worth 50c.;

RUFFLES at 20, 25, 40, and 50c. per dozen; RUFFLES at 75c. per dozen worth 25c. each : LINEN COLLARS and CUFFS in great variety.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

LEVY BROTHERS'.

for sale cheap at

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF THE SEASON.

NOW FOR A CHEAP CLOAK AT LEVY BROTHERS'.

DRESS-GOODS REMNANTS.

THREE HUNDRED REMNANTS

LADIES' DRESS GOODS to be sold very cheap at

LEVY BROTHERS'. fe 1

GO TO LEVY BROTHERS' FOR

THEY HAVE THE ONLY WELL-ASSORTED STOCK IN THIS CITY [fe 1]

YOUR KID GLOVES.

CLOSING-OUT SALE OF SYCLE BROTHERS.

A LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS TO BE SOLD AND BELOW COST.

Having determined to move to our store on the DRY GOODS at and below cost.

CLOAKS, SHAWLS, CASSIMERES, and DRESS large stock.

We have on hand 50 pairs WHITE and COL ORED BLANKETS from \$2.25 to \$15 a pair. We have a few more of these HORSE-BLAN

KETS, which will be sold at cost

BLACK GOODS. Fifty pieces BLACK ALPACAS from 25c. to \$1.50 per yard.

CLOTHS, and other MOURNING GOODS, to be sold at ten per cent. less than the usual prices.

CARPETS, RUGS, OIL-CLOTHS, in great va-

eight minutes. Don't forget the place: 429 Broad-street, where you can buy goods cheaper than you have ever

bought them before. We have the goods, and they must be sold before we move. SYCLE BROTHERS, 429 Broad street.

1877. GOOD NEWS FOR THE 1877 NEW YEAR.

DBY GOODS! DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS! Wishing to reduce my large stock on hand prepa ratory to taking inventory I will sell my entire stock

of destrable DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, &c., at cost for the next thirty days. As this is no humbug customers will find it to their advantage to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. Below wall be found a list of desirable DRESS GOODS, CASSIMERES, HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS, UNDERWEAR, NOTIONS, &c.

100 pieces DEESS GOODS at 20c. worth 30c.; 75 pieces DEESS GOODS at 25c. worth 37c.; A large stock of DRESS GOODS in finer grades at cost to close them out.

50 pieces TYCOON REPS at 16%c. worth 25c.; A large stock of CACHEMIRES, MERINOS, BLACK ALPACAS, and other BLACK GOODS

at cost prices. WILLIAM THALHIMER'S, 601 Broad street.

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We have the testimony of physicians who prescribe it, and of patients who have taken it, that it is more acceptable to the stomach and more easily assimilated than any other oil.

We guarantee it to be entirely pure and fresh. free from rancidity, and fully possessing all of the wonderful remedial properties claimed for the best cod-liver oil.

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RICHMOND. VA., FRIDAY MORNING. FEBRUARY 2, 1877.

Richmond Disputch.

FRIDAYFEBRUARY 2, 1877.

AN-THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCU-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the South Atlantic States, somewhat lower pressure and higher temperature, hazy or cloudy weather, and southerly winds will prevail. For the East Gulf States, falling barometer, southerly winds, stationary or higher temperatures, increasing cloudiness, and local rains.

For the West Gulf States, increasing southerly winds, falling barometer, warmer, cloudy, and rainy weather, attending a low barometer to the northward, and followed in the western portions by colder northwest winds. For Tennessee and the Ohio Valley, falling

barometer, southerly winds, warmer, partly cloudy and hazy weather. For the Middle States, warmer south-westerly winds, followed by falling barometer, hazy and cloudy weather.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear, mild, and pleasant. THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 44 A. M., 54; noon, 72; 3 P. M., 72; 6 P. M., 62; midnight, 57.

LOCAL MATTERS.

RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM. An Unexpected Trial of the Fire Department.

LIVELY SCENE ON BROAD STREET YESTER-WORK-WHAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN DO IN

It was stated in the Dispatch some days ago that the Joint Committee on Retrenchment and Reform of the City Council were visiting the several departments with a ducing the expense of the government. They have now reached the Fire Department, and are making a thorough investigation into its affairs and management.

The Committee on the Fire Department, not being satisfied with the usual method of inspections, determined at a recent meeting to "turn in" an alarm upon some fine day when the unsuspecting men were in their work-shops and discharging their daily duties, and make a fair test of the time in reaching a fire and getting on water.

Yesterday was fixed upon as the day, and about 1 o'clock the hour chosen for the Retrenchment and Reform Committee were in session in order (at their request) that they might see the working of the Department and all the men together. Station 6 Broad-Street engine-house) was selected as the point from which to give the alarm, because it was a central box, and the place of meeting of the two committees was in the Council chamber, over the engine-house. Just before 1 o'clock the members of the two committees went into the engine-house, examined the apparatus, inspected the quarters of the firemen, and questioned the men as to their duties. &c.

The orders of the Chief Engineer have been such that the Church Hill steamer (F) and the Main-Street steamer (C) were not required to respond to an alarm from Station 6; but some time ago the chairman of the committee told the Chief to direct these two companies to come to the box named in case there should be a second alarm. This was all the information that the fremen had that "something was up"; but why their orders had been changed they were not made aware until yesterday when the alarm

was given. The committee appointed a time-keeper and kept a record of the time of all the companies, from which official figures the following summary is made:

The alarm was turned in at 1:15 P. M. Company A's (Broad-Street steamer) hosecarriage was hitched up and left the house in twenty-five seconds, and the engine in thirty-six seconds. Leaving the house, the steamer took the plug at the southwest corner of Tenth and Broad streets, and in five minutes and thirty seconds commenced work with a fair stream.

Company B (Third-Street engine) reached the plug at Ninth and Broad streets (steamer and hose-carriage) in three minutes and ten seconds from the time the alarm was sounded, and had a stream on in seven minutes and ten seconds.

Company D (from Brook avenue and eleven minutes and twenty-five seconds from the time the alarm was given. The stream from this engine looked more else, and after a brief time the steamer was put to work at the plug at which Company A's steamer had worked, where there was no mud. Subsequently the steamer was moved to Eighth and Leigh streets, in or-Committee might see whether the officers in the water department were discharging CACHEMIRES, BOMBAZINES, CRAPE their duty properly in keeping the pipes clear of mud.

E (hook-and-ladder truck) left their house went to the corner of Tenth and Broad streets and put up their thirty-eight-foot ladder in four minutes and twenty seconds, and made it ready for use in five minutes. The top spiece was run ap in

Company G (Tenth-Street Hose company) came to the plug at Tenth and Broad streets in three minutes and ten seconds, and were by direction of the Chief Engineer attached their hose to Company A's lengine, and were ready with their stream in five minutes and thirty seconds.

Preparations were now made to turn in a two remaining steamers of the Departmented in the second alarm at 1:31 P. M. Comminutes; but they were ordered to wait for precise, specific, and named forms prethe engine, which came up in seven minutes

ten minutes. F's steamer reached the plug to which that company was assigned in seven minutes, and commenced work in ten minutes and twenty seconds.

and forty seconds, and commenced work in

At the conclusion of the trial the men were assembled in the Broad-Street engine- er, his wife and daughter, who were on the Grant and Watkins, as was also the tenor house, and the roll of the Department was ground a few moments after the occurrence solo, by the latter, "Ave Maria." Mr. called by Mr. D. A. Cardwell, clerk of the and conversed with the parties. With these Grant's rendition of Millard's "Sweet-Fire Department. One captain and five witnesses the Attorney-General of England heart" was very fine. He sang with great men were absent, the captain naving leave gone to the country for a hunt. The inspection attracted a very large

crowd of spectators, who appeared to be much interested in the exhibition. The Retrenchment Committee will next take up the pay-roll of the Fire Department.

grandest musical treats ever given in Bichmond. About one hundred reserved seats remain untaken at Wyatt's.

Ing to the preponderance of evidence. It musicians. The harmony in the componing is obvious, therefore, in many instances an incumbent might be ousted from an office, and the time so varied for each performer, that the slightest fault HOUSE

LAW DECISIONS.

Conviction for Duelling not Necessary to Disqualification.

INTERESTING OPINION DELIVERED BY WARRANTO CASE-SOME HISTORY OF DUELLING LAWS AND A NOTED ENGLISH CASE-TAXATION OF THE BUILDINGS AT THE GRANITE WORKS-THE NATION VER-SUS THE STATE.

In the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday Judge Staples delivered the unanimous opinion of the judges in the case of Royall vs. Thomas. The Commonwealth's attorney for the county of Henrico sued out a writ of quo warranto against W. L. Royall. alleging that the latter was disqualified to hold office under the Government of Virginia by reason of having engaged as second in a duel fought in that county [by Mordecai and McCarty] in the year 1873. The defendant did not in express terms deny the charge, but he avowed that he had never been convicted of being engaged in a duel. To this answer the Commonwealth demurred, and the demurrer was sustained by the Circuit Court. The defendant not desiring to put in any further answer, judgment was rendered against him of amotion from his office of notary public. To that judgment he obtained a writ of error from one of the judges of the Supreme Court. THE GROUND OF DEFENCE.

"The ground taken by the defendant," says Judge Staples, "is that the provision in the Virginia Constitution upon the sub-

Government of the State. "The principal authority relied on in DAY-ALL OF THE CITY FIRE APPARATUS AT support of this position is the case of the sessing Andrews, Ordway & Co.'s taxes, Commonwealth vs. Jones, decided by the upon their real estate, charged them with CASE OF A GENERAL ALARM-THE WORK OF Supreme Court of Kentucky, and reported the value of these buildings. Andrews, THE COMMITTEE ON RETRENCHMENT AND RE- in 14th American Law Register, N. Y. 374, Ordway & Co. applied to the County Court

and also in 10th Bush. Kentucky Constitution imposing the dis- the property of the United States Governqualification for office for the offence of ment, used for public purposes, were not duelling is not self-executing, except so far liable to taxation by the State of Virginta. view of ascertaining and, if possible, with- as it prevents those who cannot or will not The County Court refused to make the corout detriment to the public service, re- take the requisite oath for entering upon rection. They then appealed to the Circuit office. A citizen willing, however, to take such oath cannot be proceeded against for County Court, ordering the taxes which had usurpation of such office until he has been been paid to be refunded. first indicted, tried, and convicted of the disqualifying offence."

Judge Staples maintained that the phrase- the Court of Appeals, and that court affirmology of the Kentucky Constitution is ma- ed the decision of the Circuit Court. terially different from ours, and he reviewed a case which came before the Kentucky of a majority of the judges, entered into Contested-Election Board, from all of which an elaborate and interesting review of all he concluded "that even in Kentucky there | the authorities bearing upon the quesis such conflict of authority in respect to tion, and an examination of the principles the true interpretation of the constitutional controlling the subject of taxation, as beprovision [on this subject] as deprives the tween the State and Federal governments. trial. The time was selected while the decision relied on by the defendant of the He showed a long train of authorities, weight of being considered even persuasive and upon well-settled principles that the authority.'

THE VIRGINIA PROVISION.

"The provision in the Virginia Constitution is as follows: 'No person who while a citizen of this State has since the adoption of this Constitution fought a duel with a deadly weapon, sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with a deadly weapon, either within or beyond the boundaries of this State, or knowingly conveyed a challenge, or aided or assisted in any manner in fighting a duel, shall be allowed to vote or hold any office of honor, profit, or trust under this

Constitution," Judge Staples thought that this provision was prospective in its operations. Anyhow, the Legislature in '69-'70 passed an act carrying out the provisions of the Con-stitution and giving it prospective operation, and emphatically declaring that no person offending against the act "shall be capable of being elected or appointed to or of holding any office of honor or profit

under the Commonwealth." "It will be perceived that the language both of our Constitution and statute is very different from that of the Kentucky Consti-

tution. "It is perfectly apparent," Judge Staples declares, "that the framers of the Constituthon and of the statute designed that the disability to hold office should attach upon the commission of the offence, and not upon adgment of conviction. He pointed out that in other portions of the Constitution where the framers designed to refer to "conviction" they used that word. "Persons convicted of bribery," &c., &c., shall be disqualified, and for infameus offences conviction is required before disqualifica-

DUELLING THISTORY.

tion.

The Judge here gave a very able and interesting history of duelling both in this country and Europe, showing that where Marshall street) reached the plug at Tenth duels had been fairly fought, according to and Marshall streets in five minutes and the code of honor, convictions were found thirty seconds, and commenced work in to be almost impossible, and universal experience demonstrated that "the practice of duelling could not be restrained by penal laws," and hence the provisions of the valike a column of thick mud than anything rious Constitutions of this State and of the statutes aimed at political disqualification, giving "a two-fold remedy-one criminal,

the other purely civil." After referring to warious cases, and showing that the men most likely to pracder that the members of the Retrenchment | tice the duello were those who it was supposed would most chalike to incur political disqualification, Judge Staples said :

"The Legislature bas repealed the testoath. Let the courts now decide that the disqualification for office cannot attach until in thirty-six seconds. This company there is conviction, and we shall have exhibited something at least like the revival

of duelling. "But let us see where the argument leaves and the judges obey the law it is hanging disability applied to persons thus situated. then ready for work from that plug; but This is the necessary result, unless we supof us understand the great differ- rilles, and Dominie Simpson-all well repsecond alarm, so as to bring out the only ence in the position of one when on trial resented. As usual, the castle was filled for his life upon a charge of murder and with "beauty." In Burns's cottage were viz, C, from Main street near Twenty-first, when one is proceeded against for usurping found John Anderson my Joe, Bonnie and F, from Twenty-tifth street near Broad. | an office. Upon the trial of a criminal cause The Chief Engineer of Department turn- if a reasonable doubt ear be raised by the The heroine of "Coming thro' the Rye" evidence, or by the ingenuity of counsel, was personated by one possessing, we venpany C's hose-carriage came up to the Tenth | that doubt is decisive for an acquittal. As | ture, all the beauty and coyness of the and Broad-street plug in five minutes and has been well said, a verdict of not guilty thirty seconds, and the men were ready to means no more than that the guilt of the go to work with a plug-stream in six accused has not been demonstrated in the scribed by law."

A FAMOUS DUEL

the trial of the Earl of Cardigan before the House of Lords for shooting at Captain most capacity.

Tuckett in a duel. The combat took place The beautifu near a mill, and was witnessed by the millas unable to obtain a conviction because feeling and expression, while his correct he could not prove the identity of the Cap- phasing and distinct articulation evinced tain Tuckett who was wounded according careful study. to his description in the indictment. If Lord Cardigan had been proceeded against for usurping an office under the Virginia selections were all new and well given. The statutes he might have pleaded, as the de- overture, "Banditenstreich," by Suppe, fendant has, that he was never convicted. was very correctly given. The composition THE TOM KARL CONGERT.—Mr. Tom Karl If he had said he was never engaged in a in itself is unique, and when performed so reached the city last night at 11 o'clock, and will sing to-night in Mr. Wheat's concert at Association Hall his finest operatic selections and ballads. He is in fine voice, and our people can look forward to one of the grandest mustal treats averaging in Rich.

criminal conviction."

CONCLUSIONS. These are but extracts from the opinion. Many interesting points are but touched upon slightly, and some non-essential to the understanding of the case not at all.
Judge Staples held that it is clear that JUDGE STAPLES IN THE ROYALL QUO criminal conviction was not intended to be

required before disqualification; that it was competent for the people to prescribe the qualifications for office. In relation to forms of procedure the Judge said: "My opinion, therefore, is,

whether the proceedings be to try the title of an incumbent or to adjudicate the claims of an applicant for an office, it is legal and proper to establish the disability imposed by he Constitution in cases of duelling by any competent and satisfactory evidence. "The judgment of the Circuit Court for

the reasons stated must be affirmed." Mr. Royall has had his disabilities re noved by the Legislature.

In regard to the point raised by the At-torney-General that the writ of quo warranto is no longer in use in Virginia, the Court deemed it unnecessary to express an opinion, the parties in the case having consented to the arrangement by which it was brought up.

NATIONAL AND STATE TAXATION.

In the case of The Commonwealth vs. Andrews, Ordway & Co., the judgment of

the Ciruit Court was approved. The facts of the case, briefly stated, are that Andrews, Ordway & Co. permitted the United States Government to erect upon their lands certain buildings for the purpose of obtaining granite from the quarries near Richmond, to be used in the construction of the public buildings at Washington. The houses so erected on the lands of the firm ject of duelling is not self-executing, and were built exclusively by the United States that a conviction founded upon indictment with public funds belonging to that Govand trial according to the forms of the ernment, and Messrs. Andrews, Ordcriminal law is necessary before the dis- way & Co. having no interest in them, qualification for office attaches under the and obtaining and exercising no control over them. The commissioner of the revenue for Chesterfield county, in asfor redress against this assessment, upon the "It was there held that the clause in the ground that the buildings in question, being Court, which reversed the decision of the

> From the decision of the Circuit Court an appeal was taken by the Commonwealth to

Judge Christian, delivering the opinion means, instrumentalities, and property of the United States Government necessary to the operation of that Government were not the subjects of taxation by the State government, and that the property and the agen cies of the State government were equally exempt from taxation on the part of the

Federal Government. He maintained, upon authority, that the buildings in question being the property of one owner, while the land upon which they were situated belonged to another, were to be considered as personal estate, and not realty; and upon the facts appearing upon the record these buildings were bona fide used by the United States Government for public national purposes. In this opininion Judges Staples and Burks concurred. Judges Moncure and Anderson dissented, and each presented his own views, Judge Anderson delivering a written opinion.

AMBULANCE CALL .- Mrs. Brooks, of 304 Pine street, fell on Main street between Eleventh and Twelfth last evening about 7 o'clock, and sprained her ankle. The ambulance call was sounded, but her nervous condition became such that some kind citizens placed ber in a hack and sent her home

in a few moments after her mishap. The attention of our Street Committee is respectfully called to the existence of the portion of an old cellar-cap, which has been there ever since the evacuation, and it is managed, and settlements so made as to estimated that at least a half-dozen people stumble over it every day.

PERSONAL .- Mr. Flood desires it stated that be voted for General Walker and not for Mr. Swann, as he was recorded on the

official roll. A regular meeting of the directory of this Association was held at Association Hall at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon -J. Taylor Ellyson (president), in the chair; C. P. Rady, secretary. The librarian made the usual monthly report, which was a very gratifying one, showing that during the good weather of the past few days the Association rooms have been visited by a large number of members and others, resident and non-resident. The number of books taken out during the month was 828 volumes. The following persons were elected members of the Association : Rev. William E. Judkins, Rev. Harvey Hatcher, Rev. W. N. Scott, Rev. R. N. Sledd, Robert S. Barrett, Mrs. John Robertson, Everett D. Hitch-

cock, Walter A. Watkins. THE EXPOSITION OF AUTHORS AT LEVY'S HALL .- The entertainment now being given move to their new hall Monday. They will us. If a man kills his adversary in a duel it is murder in all concerned. If the juries Hall continues to grow in popularity. The idea is so unique, and withal carried out by the neck, or at least confinement in the with such completeness and enterprise, as penitentiary. Of what avail is our boasted to attract unusual attention. In this "Exposition of Authors" the most famed characters of the most famous authors are admipose a jury can be found to convict just rably personated. Among the characters of enough to disquakfy, but not quite the English inn are Miss La Crury, Dieversufficient to seriously discommode the non, and Lord Dundreary. In the castle offender. But this is not all. All were presented Guy Mannering, Meg Mer-Jean, and Highland Mary-all admirable.

original. All should go and see for themselves The half has not been told you.

LAST NIGHT'S MOZART.-The musicale given by the Mozart Association last evening was both vocal and instrumental. The "Most professional men are familiar with programme was well-chesen and highlyenjoyable, and the hall was filled to its ut-The beautiful duo from the "Lily of Killarney" was admirably given by Messrs.

> The orchestra was unusually large, num bering some thirty-odd performers. Their

NO. 2 which a jury would deem insufficient for a | stands out in bas relief; yet in the ex tion of it by these gentleman last evening there was an uninterrupted flow of even harmony. Messrs, Kessnich and Laube played a duo for two violins in an admirable manner. A select orchestra gave with artistic precision that lovely creation of Schuman, "Tramuerei." Nothwithstanding the other creditable performances, this was to our mind the gem of the evening. It is a piece that requires careful study; and as pleasing as was its rendition, we even

> day. DR. TAYLOR'S ENTERTAINMENT LAST VIGHT.—The exhibition at Leigh-Street Bantist church last night was highly enjoyable. Dr. Taylor was in his most amusing vein and kept his audience in a roar of laughter nearly all the evening. Next week the Doctor will lecture and give two exhibitions at Association Hall for the benefit of the Young Men's Christian Association.

trust to hear it improved upon at an early

FORBIDDEN FRUIT, BOUCICAULT'S COMEDY, NEXT WEEK.—The play-goers of Richmond will have an opportunity of witnessing Dion Boucicault's latest successful comedy, "Forbidden Fruit," which has been having a long and brilliant run in New York. It will be produced here, we are assured, with the same careful taste and attention to cast and mounting which has rendered it so justly popular in the large eastern cities. The cast embraces a list of first-class artists, carefully selected by Mr. Boucicault himself for excellence in his or her particular line. The company is a strong one, and has everywhere received the highest encomiums of the press.

CHANCERY COURT OF RICHMOND. -The following cases were disposed of in this court yesterday: Mitchell's executor vs. Mitchell; Harwood vs. Smith; Laube, &c. vs. Laube; Lynch, trustee, vs. Lynch; Wood vs. Miller; Young vs. Young. POLICE COURT, YESTERDAY .- Justice J. J.

White disposed of the following cases yesterday morning: D. Bauer, charged with obtaining under false pretences one gold watch valued at \$25 from James Scott. The case was continued until to-day. Richard Dillard (colored) was fined \$2 for disorderly conduct in the street.

Elizabeth Williams and Anthony John son (colored), assaulting and striking Caroline Johnson. Elizabeth was discharged, Anthony was fined \$2, and Caroline was re quired to pay costs. Committed to jail in default of payment. POLICE ARRESTS IN JANUARY .- Whole number of arrests, 446; felony, 38; mis-

demeanor, 408; white, 169; colored, 277-

total, 446. Number of ordinance violations

reported, 22; number of alarms of fire, 4; number of free lodgers accommodated, 168. THE APPROACHING NEW ORLEANS MARDI-GRAS.-King Rex has issued his regular edict for the Mardi-Gras celebration at New Orleans. No returning boards need apply. Captain John R. Macmurdo, general passenger agent, announces that a roundtrip ticket good for twenty days will be is-

sued at one fare. Long live King Rex!

Card from Mr. Massey. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. RICHMOND, VA., February 1, 1877. General Bradley T. Johnson:

Sir,-I had supposed that my oral response to your note of yesterday, which was handed to me by yourself, rendered a written answer wholly unnecessary. Nor do I now suppose you expected or desired one. As, however, your communication was published this morning in the papers of the city, I deem it proper to answer you through the same channel. It can scarcely be necessary to assure you that the resolutions offered by me calling for information with regard to the settlement of the claims, &c., of Virginia against the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and the firm of Selden. Withers & Co., and your subsequent settlements with the Board of Public Works, were not offered in any wanton spirit. Neither will the duties devolved upon the committee which was called for in those resolutions be performed in any such spirit. If your management of the business committed to your hands by the Board of Public Works, and your subsequent settlements with that Board, were all legitimate, right, and proper, and conducive to the advancement of Virginia's interests, obstruction which caused this accident. It it is due to yourself that the public shall exists upon our main thoroughfare, and know the fact and be forever relieved from should be removed at once. It consists of a further care upon the subject. If, on the other hand, these matters have been so

> erishing the State, then it is due to the public that the facts be made known and the wrongs redressed. Let me assure you that the investigation shall commence so soon as the papers called for are placed in the hands of the committee, of which we will give you due notice, and gladly avail ourselves of every aid you can furnish to enable us to make the investigation, as we intend to do, as thorough complete, and exhaustive as the character of the subject and the capacity of the com-

promote private at the sacrifice of public

mittee render possible. Yours, respectfully JOHN E. MASSEY. MANCHESTER NEWS.

Our city looked bright yesterday, but

was as dull of news as it seemed cheerful of

appearance. The improvement in streets is marked and well appreciated. The Lyceum.-The Lyceum has elected the following officers: C. T. Jones, librarian; C. S. Wells, W. B. Bradley, and C. F. Lipscomb, trustees. The Lyceum will

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